

CLIENT AWARE AUTHENTICATION IN A WIRELESS PORTAL SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A wireless portal system having a wireless server with a client aware authentication system. The client aware authentication system includes logic for automatically identifying client wireless devices connecting to the wireless server by using particular characteristics of the client in granting service connection requests from the client to the server. Depending on the client type, one or more, client-specific authentication modules are selected for the Client. In 10 this way, the invention provides dynamic selection of authentication modules based on the Client type of an identified client. In one embodiment of the invention, the client aware authentication system includes extensible modular authentication parameters that allows the client to add-on client information characteristics which are not already pre-stored in the wireless server.

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